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Dear Mr. Paskvan:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, 1996, which was forwarded to us from the office of Senator Rod Grams, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. You express concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth  
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division  
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Enclosure

copy to: The Honorable Rod Grams

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April 10, 1996

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
Director, Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
~~Room 808~~  
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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I have enclosed for your consideration a copy of a letter from one of my Minnesota constituents. I would appreciate it if you would look into their concerns and respond directly to the constituent as soon as you are able.

Your efforts in regard to this matter are greatly appreciated. Thank you for respecting my request.

Sincerely,



Rod Grams  
United States Senator

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April 5, 1996

The Honorable Senator Rod Grams  
261 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grams:

The purpose of this letter is to express my frustration in another government frolic in which the Federal Communications Commission has frozen all paging channels available to small businesses. This action, taken by our government, has caused my business, Roger's Two Way Radio, extreme hardship as well as putting a stand still on any expansion that we had planned to have done by this early summer.

Specifically, we had an agreement with the Sheriff Department of Hubbard County to provide emergency paging throughout the entire county. Because of the F.C.C. freeze, we have only been able to license Walker, Minnesota and the rest of the county remains open. Our problem is that we can't fulfill our agreement and may loose the entire job to big business, such as AT&T, who is allowed to continue to expand their paging services.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman, Larry Pressler, is requesting a constitutional ammendment to remove the freeze on paging applications. House Commerce Committee Chairman, Tom Bliley and John Dingell are opposing the paging application freeze. May I request your support towards their mission or anything else that you may be able to do from your office to convince the F.C.C. Chairman, Reed Hundt, to resume processing applications for private carrier paging channels. Although the lottery proposals may look great for large sums of money, all they are doing is eliminating small businesses from competing.

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Some provisions should be made for the small business owner in this competition. In northern Minnesota, as you may well know, there is only small business. At a minimum, the freeze should be lifted on the lower frequency paging channels below 900 Mhz since this is where the majority of the small businesses operate. Nationwide paging and the larger nationwide corporate carriers are concentrated in the upper 900 Mhz spectrum.

Thank you for your concern.

Respectfully,



Roger E. Paskvan

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cc: Commercial Wireless Division  
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